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SUBJ: CUBAN POACHERS FINED

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1. SEVENTEEN CUBANS ARRESTED SOUTH OF ANDROS AUGUST 30 (REFTEL) WERE FINED TOTAL OF \$10,250 FOR ILLEGALLY CATCHING FISH WITHIN BAHAMAS EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE, AFTER CHANGING THEIR PLEA TO GUILTY SEPTEMBER 7. THEIR SPANISH-SPEAKING LAWYER, WHO REGULARLY HANDLES SUCH CASES FOR CUBAN GOVERNMENT, HAD ASKED COURT FOR MERCY ON GROUNDS THAT FISHERMEN WERE UNAWARE OF EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE AND, AT TIME OF ARREST, WERE ENGAGED IN SEARCH FOR ANOTHER VESSEL AFTER BEING ALERTED BY CUBAN COAST GUARD. THAT ALERT, HE ADDED, WAS "NOT AT ALL INTENDED TO DETER THE BAHAMIAN MARINE DIVISION" BUT TO LOCATE THE "LOST" VESSEL "BONITA".

2. IN A SEPTEMBER 4 STATEMENT, MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT BAHAMIAN FISHING BOATS HAD BEEN HARASSED BY THE CUBAN COAST GUARD. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE BAHAMIAN POLICE BOAT INVOLVED IN THE ARRESTS HAD REPORTED BEING OVERFLOWN BY AN UNIDENTIFIED DC-3 AND HAVING SIGHTED SIX UNIDENTIFIED HIGH SPEED BOATS.

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